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Rankin County Mississippi

My Dear Miss Seneca

It is with pleasure

I seat my self down to write you a few lines as
I have been very anxious to hear from you all
for a long time and ^{was} quite relieved when Miss H.
received your letter I am glad to hear that you
all were so well ~~settled~~ and quietly settled
how is master will you never say anything
about him in your letters tell him if it proves too
quiet these folks he had better come back hear
what he will hear the booming of cannons daily it
will serve to arouse his spirits Miss V has been
trusting to write to ^{you} for some time but she has not
done so yet I trust for take it upon my self to
~~do~~ partly do so for hear as I know you are anxious
to hear the yankees did no harm hear except keep
every body in deep suspense during the time
they were in Jackson the ^{ladies} ~~ladies~~ went to bed
nightly with some shaking and all are expecting
them at any moment but fortunately they

did not com — I hope that refuge life agrees with you
all that if I hope to see you all return home with
good helth looking fine and hearty which I have
no doubt you ~~are~~^{do} from the change of climate — how is
Amelia she has never sent me a line or one word
since she left I dont know what to think of her
I wrote down to Mrs Jennings some time ago by doing
so I found that Jim was in Jackson at the confed
erate house and had been there for 8 or 9 months
Mrs J. says he has written several times trying to
hear but all without effect — he was very glad
how ever to hear from you all at last he has
been out her twice his horse and buggy is her now
he left her for Alabama on hunt of a place of safety
have you heard any thing from our house and been at
S. Taulds I hope ^{the} yankees have not don there as they
did in Jackson — Tell Amelia that Jim saw
yordaine when he left he was at the store as usual
the children Jane me in much love to her they
are very well the baby is a fine big boy I called
him silvester but he is so much like my self
the children all all him Sally — remember me

to Misses Webb^r and tell her I am sewing
~~very~~ regularly I expect to be able to dress make
when I go home needle work included I
have made sum berry pretty bands and shif
I am sorry that I have not the opportunity
of doing sum for you but I hope that chances may
admit at sum future time I must now close my
letter I hope you will write soon and let me
~~know~~ hear from you all have you heard
any thing from your gramma and family
you must excuse this scribbling and missteps - as
the scollar and pen ^{are} both bad you have my best
wishes and regards as your most humble servant

Sally

Write
tell Amelia she must write me

Soon

A letter from a Slave!
to her young mistress.
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